GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF CORN
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production of corn in each State of the country this year;

(b) the quantum of corn purchased by Food Corporation of India from each State during the last year; and

(c) the reasons for not purchasing corn from Bihar by FCI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) The State-wise production of maize is known only after the agriculture year is over. However, as per the advance estimates made by the Ministry of Agriculture, the production of maize for Kharif season of 2000 is 9.69 million tonnes for the country as a whole.

(b) No corn was procured by Food Corporation of India from any of the States during the Kharif Marketing Season 1999-2000.

(c) As the prices of the Corn (Maize) conforming to FAQ specifications fixed by Governmentof India were ruling above the MSP i.e. more than Rs.415/- per quintal during the year 1999-2000, no procurement under PDS could be effected.